

# THE HAMLET



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The Golden Green Association Newsletter

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This gorgeous shot of Cockle Oast in Hartlake Road in the snow was taken by Rob Seall from 1 Bell Cottages.

## Great GG Spring Clean Saturday 24 March 9.30am

### Meet outside the Mission Hall

Our fourth community litter-pick and spring clean around Golden Green – please help make where you live a better place. Equipment provided. More details from Howard Rogers (850329) or just turn up.

## Fish 'n' Chips 'n' Crickets

Quiz setters Norfolk 'n' Chance (Howard, Jane, John, Katie, Bruce, Dave & Sue) challenged a packed hall (*bottom photo*) last month with questions ranging from loaves to logos. As an appetiser to the fish & chips, the mystery snacks in the food & drink round turned out to be cheese & onion mealworms and BBQ crickets! The Medway Streakers (*top photo*) took the trophy, while Wendy & Tom's Spooners were delighted to retain the wooden spoon. £216 was raised for the hall and community projects. Thanks to everyone who participated, especially the organisers for all their hard work.



## Hartlake Gravel Extraction

KCC are asking for comments on sand and gravel extraction sites identified in their Minerals and Waste Local Plan. One of these is an extension to the existing site ([M13](#)) at Stonecastle Farm, Whetsted Rd, and which comes very close to Hartlake Bridge and Road. There's a sense of déjà vu as there was a similar proposal in 2000, which was eventually rejected after strong local opposition. Residents Alan Chilvers and Linda Daker have highlighted the fact that we only have this month to comment on this Plan. Do so [online](#) or email KCC Planning Applications head [sharon.thompson@kent.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.thompson@kent.gov.uk) or write to KCC Policy Team, 1st Floor, Invicta House, Maidstone ME14 1XX by 29 March.

## The Village Pump

\* During the recent **freeze**, did you hear that Southeastern's de-icing train broke down because it was too cold?!

\* *Strange Magic* by Syd Moore is the **GG book club** choice for March. Meet in The Bell on 4 Apr at 8pm.

\* Anyone lost their **football boots**? A pair were left in Signpost Field a while back and are waiting for their owners in the parish office.

\* Many thanks to **Ben Revell** for stepping in to print the January and February issues of *The Hamlet*!

## East Peckham & Golden Green Branch of the Conservative Association Notification of AGM

Thursday 8 March 7:30pm  
Committee Room, Jubilee Hall,  
Pippin Rd, East Peckham TN12 5BT

## The Bell News

Lee & Sammie Stanley  
Tel 851748

Food served daily \*  
Games room \* Function  
room hire for parties,  
band practice etc. free  
for GG residents



## New! Pizzas @ The Bell

New delicious menu 1pm-9pm

Freshly cooked, eat in or take away



## Bernie's Big Quiz

Mon 5 March 8pm

All welcome. £3 Entry fee

## Rugby 6 Nations

10, 11, 17 March

See the matches live + bar food,  
competitions, beer promos

## New! Bingo @ The Bell

30 Mar 7.30pm

and every last Friday monthly  
Cash prizes to be won!

## New! Red Tooth Poker

Tuesdays 8pm

Free to enter and play

[Facebook/BellInnGoldenGreen](https://www.facebook.com/BellInnGoldenGreen)

## S'no Black Bin Collection

If you're wondering which bin to put out this week, TMBC say: 'If your refuse (black bin) was missed last week because of the snow, please put it out this week on your normal collection day. Green-lidded bins will also be emptied with your black bin, but not composted. Your green box [paper] should be emptied as normal. If you want to store extra sacks in your green-lidded bin, that's fine just for this week.' More details on [TMBC website](#)

## The Golden Green Association Committee

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## GG Women's Institute by Iris Wilson

It's a case of 'Be careful what you wish for', as last month I remember saying that cold, crisp weather would kill off the germs but I didn't reckon on a week below freezing! I trust everyone managed to keep warm; it was lovely and warm in the hall when we met for our first meeting of 2018 in February.

The advertised speaker had generated a lot of interest and many husbands had joined us for the evening. Richard Snow did not disappoint and made his talk on 'Ten Brave Men and True' fascinating, and at times awe-inspiring, with his stories of the 10 Tunbridge Wells Victoria Cross holders. It had taken him several years of painstaking research to collect all the details of their valour and also to track down any living relatives.

The Victoria Cross was the idea of Queen Victoria in 1856 to recognise acts of outstanding bravery by members of the armed forces. At one time it was suggested that the medal be made of gold and encrusted with jewels but Queen Victoria insisted that it was the deed which was most important, and so the medal is made of bronze from two Russian cannon captured at the Battle of Sebastopol during the Crimean War. The metal is extremely valuable and there is enough left for about 140 more. Near the main Bayhall Road entrance to Dunorlan Park in Tunbridge Wells can be found the Victoria Cross Grove, which commemorates the recipients of the 10 VC holders who had connections to Tunbridge Wells.



The youngest person to receive the VC was just 15 years old. The most recent VC awarded was in 2015 for bravery in Afghanistan.

When a Victoria Cross comes up for auction, Lord Ashcroft buys ➡

## What's On in Golden Green?

More info:

Mondays	Zoe's Pilates	Hall	10-11am	771747
Mondays	Natalie's Body Blast	Hall	7.30-8.30pm	07714 429792
Tuesdays	Coffee Morning	Hall	10am	850768
Tuesdays	Colin's Art Group	Hall	8-10pm	464187
Tuesdays	Red Tooth Poker at The Bell	Bell	8pm	851748
1st Sat month	Suzanne's Scrapbooking	Hall	9.15am-4pm	770906
MARCH				
Mon 5 Mar	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8pm	220811
Mon 19 Mar	Bingo!	Hall	8pm	850768
Sat 24 Mar	Golden Green Spring Clean	Hall	9.30am	850329
Wed 21 Mar	WI meeting	Hall	7.45pm	850812
Fri 30 Mar	Bingo @ The Bell	Bell	7.30pm	851748
APRIL				
Sun 1 Apr	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Hall	12 noon	850238
Mon 9 Apr tbc	Bernie's Big Quiz	Bell	8pm	220811
Fri Apr tbc	Open Mic Night with Matt Bridle	Bell	7pm	851748

### WI Report continued

most of them and there is a marvellous display of the medals at the Imperial War Museum in London.

Richard Snow has collated all his research into a book of the same title, which was on sale, with all proceeds going to Help for Heroes.

Next month we have the pleasure of welcoming Lucy Bird, who will be talking about the work of the Air Ambulance. This service saves many lives and we are so very lucky to have it.

If you are interested in what they do, come and join us on Wednesday 21 March at the Mission Hall.

Doors open at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

For further information about GG WI, please contact our President Rosemary Blackburn on 850812.

## GGA Lottery 2018

All 250 numbers have now been sold (list available on [GGA Facebook page](#) or from Alec Pelmore) and the draws for January and February will be made this month. You'll be contacted if you're a lucky winner and results will also be published in *The Hamlet*.

## Parish Council Contacts

Parish Office Tel: 851878

Email: [clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@hadlowpc.co.uk)

Open Tue & Thu 9.30am-12 noon

Website [www.hadlowpc-kent.org.uk](http://www.hadlowpc-kent.org.uk)

*Golden Green Councillors:*

Nick Collins: 850968

[nicolins@btinternet.com](mailto:nicolins@btinternet.com)

Ed Bright: 850590

[ed.bright@talk21.com](mailto:ed.bright@talk21.com)

*Bulky refuse lorry & WEEE collection:*

Victoria Rd, GG 17 Mar 9.15-10.15am

*Next council meeting:* 12 Mar 7.30pm

Old School Hall, Hadlow.

**Hospital Car Service:** Mike (852564)

## Borough Council Contacts

Hadlow & East Peckham ward (inc. GG)

Cllrs *Howard Rogers, Janet Sergison*

and *Jill Anderson*. Surgeries: St Mary's Church 17 Mar, 19 May 10-11.30am

Hand in items for inclusion in the next issue to Anne Waddingham at 13 Sherenden Park (850048) or email [gghamlet@outlook.com](mailto:gghamlet@outlook.com) by 27 March.

Sign up for the email edition or ask for the paper version if you're not on the circulation list.

Please tell us if you have a new neighbour so that we can be sure they get the newsletters. Contact Anne (details above) or Alec (850739)

# Easter Services

## St Mary's Church, Hadlow

### **Palm Sunday - 25th March**

8am Holy Communion

9.45am – Hadlow Square: Palm Procession to Church  
followed by Parish Eucharist with blessing of palms

### **Maundy Thursday - 29th March**

7.30pm - Passover Supper with Communion

(if you wish to attend, please sign up at the back of the church)

### **Good Friday – 30th March**

10am – Walk of Witness from St Peter's Chapel,  
Maidstone Road, to St Mary's

Stay afterwards for coffee and hot cross buns

12noon to 2pm – Time for reflection

2pm – Good Friday Service

### **Easter Sunday - 1st April**

6am - Dawn Service with renewal of baptism vows

8am - Holy Communion

10am - Family Service with Communion

12 noon - Holy Communion at Golden Green





Dinner Dance  
In aid of the Poppy Appeal

Hadlow Manor  
Supporting the Poppy Appeal  
Saturday 7th April 2018 7.30pm-12.30pm  
£25 per person

Please select from set menu below dietary requests can also be catered for separately

Starters

*Carrot and coriander soup with artisan bread (V)*  
*Salmon timbale crème fraiche and dill sauce caramelised lemon*  
*Chicken Caesar salad*

Mains

*Chicken supreme wild mushroom fricassee fondant potato garlic cream sauce*  
*Salmon served with fine bean sugar snap salad with lemon zesty sauce*  
*Wild mushroom risotto parmesan watercress garnish (V)*

Desserts

*Lemon tart vanilla ice cream*  
*White chocolate raspberry cheesecake & raspberry sorbet*  
*Eton mess*

*Freshly brewed coffee and mints*  
Cash bar

Please reserve tickets via

email: [pjstmills@aol.com](mailto:pjstmills@aol.com) or tel. 07450 577610